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TAGS: PFOR, FR, TU, GR, CY  
SUBJ: QUAI COMMENTS ON CYPRUS, GREECE, AND TURKEY

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1. IN BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON QUAI'S OFFICER IN CHARGE  
GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS AFFAIRS LAFON MADE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

2. CYPRUS:

QUAI IS INCREASINGLY DISTURBED BY THE CONTINUING  
TURKISH DEPORTATIONS OF GREEKS FROM THEIR ZONE OF  
CYPRUS. LAFON ASSUMES THE PROCESS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL,  
RATHER SOON, ONLY "TWO OR THREE HUNDRED GREEKS" WILL  
REMAIN AS TURKISH "HOSTAGES."

3. LETTER FROM MAKARIOS:

IN THIS CONNECTION, LAFON ASKED IF US HAD ALSO  
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RECEIVED LETTER FROM MAKARIOS THIS WEEK PROTESTING  
"DISAPPEARANCES." ELYSEE HAS NOT YET REPLIED, ASSUMES  
MAKARIOS LETTERS SENT TO MOST COUNTRIES, AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE KNOWING IF US WAS ON LIST.

4. CYPRUS AND UN:

LAFON SAID THAT THE NINE HAD DECIDED AT RECENT

MEDITERRANEAN EXPERTS MEETING TO MAKE FURTHER DEMARCHE ON WALDHEIM, URGING HIM TO UNDERTAKE RENEWED PERSONAL EFFORTS TO RESTORE MOMENTUM TO CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. THIS DEMARCHE HAS NOW BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, QUAI ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSED TO US ITS SKEPTICISM ABOUT LIKELIHOOD THAT WALDHEIM WILL DISPLAY ANY MORE DRIVE AND COMMITMENT THIS TIME THAN HE HAS IN PAST.

5. US POLICY:

IN QUAI VIEW, KEY TO GREEK-TURKISH-CYPRUS EQUATION REMAINS EARLIEST SIMULTANEOUS PASSAGE BY US CONGRESS GREEK AND TURKISH LEGISLATION, A VIEW, LAFON CITED TO US "AS THAT OF FOREIGN MINISTER." LATTER WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT ANY FURTHER DELAYS WOULD TRANSFORM PRESENT ATMOSPHERE OF WAITING INTO ONE OF INTENSE FRUSTRATION WITH UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS. COMMENT: CONVERSATION PRODUCED NO INDICATIONS THAT FRENCH HAD PRESSED FOR RENEWED EFFORT BY THE NINE BEFORE NEW US ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY WAS FORMED (REFTEL). ON CONTRARY, BOTH LAFON AND HIS PREDECESSOR REUILLARD, HAVE CONSISTENTLY APPEARED TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF US IN THIS FIELD.

6. VISITS:

NO SENIOR FRENCH VISITS TO AREA ARE FORESEEN EXCEPT FOR DE GUIRINGAUD TRIP TO TURKEY AT SOME, AS YET UNDETERMINED, TIME IN 1977 TO RECIPROCATATE CAGLAYANGIL'S VISIT TO FRANCE LAST YEAR. AS FOR GREECE, KARAMANLIS IS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE FORMAL CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIT TO PARIS, THIS BEING TOO TIME-CONSUMING IN FRENCH ELECTION PERIOD. HOWEVER, QUAI ASSUMES KARAMANLIS WILL CONTINUE HIS FREQUENT INFORMAL VISITS HERE' INCLUDING CHATS AT ELYSEE, WHICH SERVE SAME PURPOSE.

7. IN AN ASIDE, EXPRESSED WITH CONSIDERABLE FEELING, LAFON ADDED THAT FRENCH "CANNOT IMAGINE" WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN GREECE IF ANYTHING SHOULD EVER HAPPEN TO KARAMANLIS, SINCE NO POLITICALLY MEANINGFUL SUCCESSOR WAS IN SIGHT. RESULT WOULD BE NEW ROUND OF CHAOS. RUSH

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